

dent, M. Viviani went to the Capitol, accompanied by Assistant Secretary Phillips.

Marshal Joffre, accompanied by Colonel Spencer Cosby, of the army, and Lieutenant-Commander Robert L. Berry, of the navy, walked from the executive mansion to the State, War and Navy Building.

When the American officer started to mount the long flight of stairs to the entrance of the State, War and Navy Building, Marshal Joffre, despite his age and weight, ran up lightly, and left his companions trailing after him.

Marshal Joffre and Admiral Chechoport returned to the building to pay calls on the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. The reappearance of the marshal was marked by a reception no less vociferous than the one a few minutes before. For the victor of the Marne was reserved a shout each time he came in sight. The high voices of the women clerks always led the cheering.

All the general officers on duty in Washington, including Major-General Scott, chief of staff, Major-General Bliss, his assistant, Brigadier-General Kuhn, president of the war college, and the chiefs of departmental bureaus were present.

President Wilson, in the brief exchange of greetings, told the Frenchmen how deeply the American people appreciated the action of the French republic in sending the commission, and Minister Viviani replied, saying that the French people felt very deeply the long friendship between the two nations, cemented by the entrance of the United States into the war. He brought a letter to the President from President Poincaré.

VIVIANI IS INVITED TO ADDRESS SENATE

While Marshal Joffre and his aids were calling on Secretary Baker and the American army officers, Admiral Chechoport and his aids were calling on Secretary Daniels. In the meantime, M. Viviani had been at the Capitol and had been invited to address the Senate.

Mr. Marshall extended a tentative invitation to the head of the mission to appear on the floor of the Senate. It was later indicated that M. Viviani had accepted, and that he probably would go to the Senate either Saturday or Monday, and perhaps might make some informal remarks.

In the afternoon preliminary conferences between the American and French technical experts were inaugurated.

Conferences will be continued tomorrow. Admiral Chechoport, representing the French navy, will see Admiral Benson, chief of operations, and Marshal Joffre and his staff will go to the Army War College.

Everywhere the Frenchmen appeared to-day they were enthusiastically greeted. Crowds in the streets, recognizing the uniforms, stopped and the members of the party were hurried here and there in automobiles.

The members of both the French and British commissions will be the guests of Secretary Daniels on a trip down the Potomac River on Sunday on board the presidential yacht Mayflower.

The White House dinner to-night in honor of the French commission was extremely informal. Afterwards Marshal Joffre was constantly surrounded by a group of the women guests, several of whom spoke French.

The three-course dinner plan introduced in official households in Washington since the entrance of the United States into the war was followed to-night, as it was when the British commissioners were entertained on Monday night.

**NEW ARMY BILL TO PASS BEFORE THIS WEEK ENDS**  
(Continued from First Page.)

only Southern government, "representing the Southern sentiment and Southern homes, enacted a conscription measure."

Representative Wise denounced the propaganda for conscription, and declared that the people do not know what the conscription bill contains.

Representative Sherwood, of Ohio, a Civil War brigadier-general, characterized the draft as un-American, unconstitutional and unnecessary.

Representative Osborn, of California, a Union volunteer in the Civil War, supported the administration plans, and suggested that if he should deem it wise to accept the services of Colonel Roosevelt to raise a division for service in France, it would be a glorious inspiration to the American people, without compromise to the principles of the conscription bill.

Representative Madden, of Illinois, announced that he and Senator New, of Indiana, will offer amendments to the bill to provide, notwithstanding the exemptions it enumerates, "each State shall be required to supply its quota in the proportion that its population bears to the total population of the country."

Hisses from the galleries greeted Representative Mason, Republican, of Illinois, to-day when he assailed President Wilson for failing to accept immediately Colonel Roosevelt's offer to raise a division for service in France. A few members joined in the demonstration.

"The man in the White House hasn't the courage or political sagacity to permit the Colonel to enlist, for fear he will profit politically," was the sentence which drew the hissing.

**STONE WOULD RAISE LIMIT OF AGE SUBJECT TO CALL**

Senators Hale, Beckham, Myers and Stone supported the administration bill today, and Senator Sherman opposed it. The day's debate in the Senate declared that, although he opposed the declaration of war, he would vote with the President for conscription. He said he believed, however, the bill should be changed to make the ages of those subject to draft twenty-one to forty, instead of nineteen to twenty-five.

"We are needed on the battle line of Europe," the Missouri Senator continued. "There must be no halting at home. The President thinks the time is past for experiment. I agree with him. It is imperative that we act at once and get ready with the least possible delay. I am for that plan which will most certainly, speedily and efficiently meet the demands of the hour. Pass this bill and we will forthwith enter upon a plan that will not be experimental. Its success is assured from the beginning."

At midnight the House still was in session with members debating for and against the conscription feature of the bill, and prospects were that the session would continue into the early hours of Friday, as at midnight many members had indicated their desire to speak before adjournment.

## GERARD PREDICTS LONG WAR AGAINST GERMANY

Former American Ambassador to Berlin Is Confident There Will Be No Revolution.

URGES UNIVERSAL SERVICE

In Speech Before American Newspaper Publishers' Association, He Says That Teutonic Military Caste Hates the Very Name, "America."

NEW YORK, April 26.—"The German military caste hates the very name, 'America.' I know that if we had remained out of this war, we would have been attacked by Germany if the war had then ended in either a draw or a Teutonic victory."

This emphatic statement was made to-night by James W. Gerard, former American ambassador to Germany, at the annual banquet of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association in the Waldorf-Astoria. Continuing, Mr. Gerard said:

"Knowing the mind and might of Germany, as I have, for the past two and a half years, I appeal to the entire country, not only as a patriotic duty, but as an absolutely necessary measure of self-preservation, to stand by the President and urge the passage of the administration bill for universal obligatory military service."

"We are at war with a government possessing the greatest military machine the world has ever seen, and which believes (irrespective of American opinion on the subject), not only that the only effective way to wage modern war is by universal obligatory military service, but that force is to be the only thing regarded."

**UNIVERSAL SERVICE WILL STAGGER THE ENEMY**  
"To adopt at the outset universal obligatory military service would be to deal the morale of our enemies a staggering blow and demonstrate at the outset that we are in the war to win. And do not forget that to deal this blow at once may save countless American lives."

"On the other hand, to hesitate, to dicker, to dicker, to reject universal service and adopt the volunteer system is to give aid and comfort to the enemy by convincing him that we are not in earnest."

"There is not any chance of a revolution in Germany. There may be rioting, but no revolution. The caste system is so strong that the people don't realize the real situation."

Mr. Gerard then stated that, with few exceptions, the war was largely due to the activities of newspaper correspondents in Berlin. He said that they misinformed the German officials of the attitude of this country and acted as "super-ambassadors."

He said that the feeling toward the United States was crystallized in an interview with Admiral von Tirpitz, which was circulated throughout the empire. In this interview, the "father of the ruthless U-boat warfare" uttered the capture of the British navy, its absorption into the German fleet and then a grand offensive against the United States to make America pay for the war.

"I predict a long war," continued Mr. Gerard. "I am confident there will be no revolution in Germany. The Russian situation is serious. If any accident should befall the British fleet, we would have a serious situation on the face."

Major-General G. T. M. Bridges, of the British military commission, received an ovation when he rose to speak. He declared:

"There is a fine old military axiom which says: When in doubt, march to the sound of the guns. And it is there, upon those fields of battle, that we should like to see the manhood of your nation and to see the Stars and Stripes fly beside the Tricolor and the Union Jack."

General Bridges then declared that "our friendship with the French has stood the test of nearly three years." Referring to the British and French soldiers, he added: "These men understand each other. They have been forged alike in the fire and hammered on the anvil of war. They have the courage and fortitude that makes them the salt of the earth. You cannot get such men, if you did, they would never know it."

Mayor Mitchell, Irvin Cobb and Job E. Stedman, who acted as toastmaster, also spoke. There were 200 diners and about 500 more sat in the galleries. The banquet hall was draped in the flags of the allies.

Mr. Gerard arraigned Speaker Champ Clark for his advocacy of the volunteer system. He said he had supported Mr. Clark in his campaign for President in 1912, "but thank Heaven," he exclaimed, "some beneficent Providence, which keeps the American people from putting forward their near-statesmen, intervened."

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## PERMISSION IS GRANTED FOR HOPEWELL COMPANY

Governor Approves Formation of Coast Artillery Command in Gun-cotton City.

Permission to form a company of coast artillery at Hopewell was granted yesterday by Governor Henry C. Stuart, provided the requirements of the War Department in reference to inspection and armorial facilities are met. The company will make the third of its kind in Virginia, and with a fourth now being formed in Fredericksburg and the First and Second Companies, of Lynchburg and Roanoke, will form a battalion. The War Department is anxious to have a full regiment in the State.

H. C. F. Stilwell, David J. Brown and Leonidas M. Stone will be the officers of the new company, providing it is accepted. Eighty-five men have agreed to become members of the company, and it is not thought that there will be any difficulty in getting a suitable armory, particularly as the organization would expect a call to the colors quickly and might be sent to Fort Monroe for training as soon as accepted.

Orders were received yesterday by Adjutant-General W. W. Sale directing all officers and men of the Virginia National Guard to wear their uniforms at all times when on duty. The order applies to the Adjutant-General and the officers and men in his office, as well as those actively on duty. The Adjutant-General was in uniform yesterday, and Colonel Charles A. Dempsey, U. S. A., retired, Captain James Love, U. S. A., and Captain Joseph Le Masurier will be in uniform to-day.

**QUARTERMASTER'S CORPS**  
**ISSUES CALL FOR MEN**

A call for additional men for the Quartermaster Corps, Virginia National Guard, was made yesterday. The Quartermaster Corps has an authorized strength of six officers and twenty-six enlisted men, including six first-class sergeants, six sergeants, twelve first-class privates and two cooks. There are vacancies in all grades, including two first-class sergeants, six sergeants and a like number of privates. Cooks are also needed.

It is desirable to enlist men with some business knowledge and several stenographers, bookkeepers and clerks. The pay of a cook is \$20 a month, while sergeants get \$30 a month and first-class sergeants \$45 a month. In addition, they get subsistence, clothing and quarters.

Major Allen Potts is at the head of the Virginia Quartermaster Corps. The corps is liable to be called into service quickly to prepare the details for the war mobilization camp. Those desiring to enlist should communicate with Major Potts at the Davis Building, Governor and Franklin Streets. Several men who recently took physical examinations are requested to present themselves at 6 o'clock to-night to be sworn in.

The Governor has received a request from J. H. Bailey, now serving a jail sentence of one year, for a conditional pardon, in order that he can report to Company D, Fourth Infantry, for duty. Bailey wants to fight badly, and agrees to surrender himself to the civil authorities to finish out his term as soon as the war is over. The Governor is having the case investigated.

With fifty members, a new company is being formed at Portsmouth, and is drilling regularly. Lieutenants Hamilton and Kingman, United States Marine Corps, and Alfred Riddick, a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, have been instructing the men.

**ENLIST IN "SERVICE ARMY"**  
Fifty University of Pennsylvania Students Start for Virginia to Do Farm Work.

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—More than 200 University of Pennsylvania students have been enrolled in the "Service army" now being recruited at the university for duty on farms. Fifty of them left here to-day for work on farms in Virginia, and plans are being rapidly completed to send other detachments to sections where they are most needed.

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## WHOLE WORLD THRILLED BY ACTION OF AMERICA

Viviani Declares Co-Operation of U. S. Is Certain to Insure Victory of Morality and Right.

EXPRESSES DEEP GRATITUDE

Allies, in Struggle for Violated Rights of Man, and to Save Ideals of Mankind, Will Carry Fight on to End.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—In a statement to the American press to-day, Rene Viviani, France's Vice-Premier and head of the war mission, said the co-operation of the United States would mean not only a military victory, which already was assured, but a victory of morality and right. Expressing deep gratitude for the enthusiastic reception given his mission here, M. Viviani said he realized it was "not to us, but to our beloved and heroic France."

M. Viviani's statement to the Washington correspondents follows: "I promised to receive you after having reserved, as elementary courtesy, my first communication solely for the President. I have just had the honor, which I shared with the other members of the mission, of being received by him. I am indeed happy to have been chosen to present the greetings of the French republic to the illustrious man whose name is in every French mouth to-day, whose incomparable message is at this very hour being read and commented upon in all our schools as the most perfect chapter of human rights, and which so fully expresses the virtues of a race—long suffering, patient, before appealing force, and force to avenge that long suffering patience when there can be no other means."

**REALIZES THAT RECEPTION IS FOR HEROIC FRANCE**  
"Since you are here to listen to me, I ask you to repeat a thousandfold the expression of our deep gratitude for the enthusiastic reception the American people has granted us in Washington. It is not to us, but to our beloved and heroic France, that reception was accorded. We were proud to be her children in those unforgettable moments when we read in the radiance of the faces we saw the noble sincerity of your hearts. And I desire to thank also the press of the United States, represented by you, I fully realize the ardent and disinterested help you have given by your tireless propaganda in the cause of right. I know your action has been incalculable. Gentlemen, I thank you."

"We have come to this land to salute the American people and its government, to call to fresh vigor our lifelong friendship, sweet and cordial in the ordinary course of our lives, and which these tragic hours have raised to all the ardor of brotherly love—a brotherly love which in these last years of suffering has multiplied its most touching expressions. You have given help, not only in treasure, but in every act of kindness and good will. For us your children have shed their blood, and the names of your sacred dead are inscribed forever in our hearts. And it was within a full knowledge of the meaning of what you did that you acted. Your inexhaustible generosity was not the charity of the fortunate to the distressed; it was an affirmation of your conscience, a reasoned approval of your judgment."

"Your fellow-countrymen knew that under the savage assault of a nation of prey which has made of war, to quote a famous saying, its national industry, we were upholding with our incomparable allies, faithful and valiant to the death, with all those who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with us on the firing line, the sons of indomitable England, a struggle for the violated rights of man, for that democratic spirit which the forces of autocracy were attempting to crush throughout the world. We are ready to carry that struggle on to the end."

"And now, as President Wilson has said, the republic of the United States rises in its strength as a champion of right, and rallies to the side of France and her allies. Only our descendants, when time has removed events, will be able to measure the full significance, the grandeur of a historic act which has sent a thrill through the whole world. From to-day on, all the forces of freedom are let loose. And not only victory, of which we were already assured, is certain; the true meaning of victory is made manifest. It cannot be merely a fortunate military conclusion to this struggle; it will be the victory of morality and right, and will forever secure the existence of a world in which all our children shall draw free breath in full peace and undisturbed pursuit of their labors."

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## RHEIMS CATHEDRAL SHELLED

Several Important Parts of Historic Structure Damaged by Big German Projectiles.

PARIS, April 26.—The Germans to-day threw fifteen large-caliber shells at the Rheims Cathedral, damaging several important parts. Encouraged by their first success, sixteen more heavy shells were thrown upon the vaults and towers. The northern tower suffered most from the shelling, and is leaning so that it may give way at any time. The vaults and transept have suffered irreparable loss. The projectiles being used are of the 330-millimeter size.

**Knocked Down by Bicycle.**  
Jack Robinson, four years old, of 1902 Taylor Street, was knocked down yesterday afternoon by a bicycle ridden by Weldon Robinson, colored, of 1502 Jacquelin Street, and his right leg broken. The child was treated by a physician and sent to his home. The police were told that he had stepped from the sidewalk in front of the bicycle.

**In Medical Reserve Corps.**  
Dr. G. A. Ezekiel has been notified that he has received a commission as first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps. He yesterday took the required oath of allegiance, but will remain here until ordered to duty.

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